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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel/amend/retain/add the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A connecting device used in an aircraft to connect a movable part of said aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said movable part being selected from the group consisting of a spoiler, a landing flap and a control surface, said connecting device including at least one fitting provided with at least one bearing, said fitting being made of a synthetic composite material according to a resin transfer molding method and including a carbon fabric as a reinforcement element, said composite material being a same material as that from which said movable part is made, said fitting being secured to said movable part by gluing.

Claims 16-18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising a reactive material sewn or woven in said carbon fabric.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said reactive material is nylon.

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21. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising a recess provided in said movable part, said fitting being embedded in said recess.

22. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 21, wherein said movable part includes an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer, said fitting being arranged therebetween.

23. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 22, wherein said fitting is glued with said upper covering layer and said lower covering layer.

24. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising additional connecting means.

25. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 24, wherein said additional connecting means include rivets or screws.

26. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising an indentation provided in said movable part, wherein said fitting is embedded in said indentation.

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27. (Currently Amended) A fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said movable part being selected from the group consisting of a spoiler, a landing gear or and a control surface, said fitting made of a same composite material as said movable part and connected to said movable part only by gluing.

28. (Currently Amended) A fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said movable part being selected from the group consisting of a spoiler, a landing flap and a control surface, said fitting integrally formed as one piece with said movable part and made of a same synthetic material as said movable part.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The combination of a fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, and said movable part, comprising:

said fitting made of a synthetic composite material according to a resin transfer molding method and including a carbon fabric as a reinforcement element;

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said movable part being made of said composite material such that said fitting and said movable part have substantially a same thermal expansion coefficient, said movable part having an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer of fiber reinforced fabric, and said fitting being arranged and glued therebetween, said movable part being selected from the group consisting of a spoiler, a landing flap and a control surface.

31. (Canceled).